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M&D Milestone NO.*13(14)

Counties (MD/PA) Cecil/Chester

A COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS AND CONDITION
OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 27 APR 89

Where Rt. 1 crosses the MDL, at the farm machinery company, ask permission for easy access across that property. Proceed W from rear of building through a broad swath in the trees a few hundred feet. Monument easily seen on right and marked by 6' stake.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

12" square by 11" to 13" out of ground. "M" and circle panel are very good with much fluting showing on "M" side. "P" is just readable, no circle panel, and little fluting. Vert. and hor. edges good w/chips; cup in top, E&W fluting well worn, Large chip on STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND bottom SE edge

STONE IS LOOSE.

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey: Milestone NO. 13, M. & D., 1766 in woods west of sylmar.
1959 report by W.H.Bayliff: This monument was found broken off below the surface of the ground and the position lost. This was redetermined and the fragment of the base was then found by digging.

1980 report by Alice Martin: Original monument in good condition, except for a chip near base on eastern side. Monument stands in a secluded place.

Current status and condition: Original M&D milestone of 1766 in place, in good condition, firmly set; letters, circle panel, & fluting clear; all corners and edges chipped; large pit in apex of top. Protected by site.

Although this monument shows little sign of abuse, it is showing considerable weathering from when last inspected and, additionally, it is loose in the ground. It is now classed as endangered and deteriorated since it is also in close proximity to new housing and a business. We did not dig, so the condition of the foundation is uncertain. Note from the 1900-03 resurvey that the stone had been broken previously and had been repaired.

NOTES:

PHOTO Nos.: 13(14) A,B,C.

MAPS: MGS topographical map of Cecil County, 1977.
USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, Rising Sun quadrangle.

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* The monuments are numbered here according to the Mason and Dixon milepost numbers. The number in parentheses corresponds to the 1900 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The numbers for the West Line start at "0" at the northeast corner of Maryland and increase westward.



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Status: Endangered
Condition: Deteriorated
Foundation: Stone is loose.



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View NW at #13. Area is being
cleared. Exposed stone is in
good condition.